



JUNIOR LEAGUE OF KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI

ANNUAL REPORT

2021 - 2022

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

KIMBERLEE RIED



As we reflect on the past year, we do so with a deep sense of pride and gratitude. The journey from the challenges brought on by the COVID-19 pandemic to the renewed momentum we now experience has been both transformative and inspiring. Thanks to the unwavering dedication of our members and the steadfast support of our community, we are truly Making Our Mission Possible.

In the wake of uncertainty, the Junior League of Kansas City emerged not only resilient, but re-energized. We reimagined how we serve, how we lead, and how we connect. Our members embraced innovation, adapted to new ways of engagement, and recommitted to our mission of promoting volunteerism, developing the potential of women, and improving communities through the action and leadership of trained volunteers.

This past year, we successfully returned to in-person programming while retaining the accessibility and flexibility of virtual tools - ensuring every member has the opportunity to lead and serve. Our community projects, focused on addressing food insecurity, empowering women and children, and promoting equity, have reached more individuals than ever before. And we did it all while strengthening the skills and confidence of the women who make up this incredible organization.

Highlights for 2021-2022 include:

- a return to in-person meetings and events, with hybrid optional;
- continued our work in Diversity, Equity and Inclusion with a LOT of training;
- clarified the Legacy Training Fund processes for future growth and member engagement;
- C3KC raised the most money ever, to date;
- provided even greater transparency around budgeting and finance to our members;
- secured more earned media this year for both the Little Black Dress Initiative and Holiday Mart;
- saw growth in our Community Kits endeavors while meeting a community need; and
- re-tooled the Healthy Living concept into Community Fairs.

Our mission is not only possible - it's thriving. And as we look to the future, we do so with bold ambition, grounded in over a century of service and uplifted by the energy of our members today.

Thank you for being a part of our journey. Together, we will continue to make a difference - for each other, for Kansas City, and for generations to come.

With gratitude,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kimberlee Ried".

OUR MISSION

The Junior League of Kansas City, Missouri (JLKCMO) is a 501 (c)(3) organization of women committed to promoting voluntarism, developing the potential of women and improving communities through the effective action and leadership of trained volunteers. Its purpose is exclusively educational and charitable.

OUR VISION

The Junior League of Kansas City, Missouri has a vision to be a visible group of active volunteers focused on improving the quality of life in our community.

DIVERSITY & INCLUSION COMMITMENT

The Junior League welcomes all women who value our Mission. We are committed to inclusive environments of diverse individuals, organizations, and communities.

REACHING OUT

The Junior League reaches out to women of all races, religions and national origins, who demonstrate an interest in and commitment to voluntarism. Our League currently numbers more than 1,100 strong. We are women who work full-time, part-time, and in the home; single women, married women and mothers. We are women who share diverse interests and backgrounds as well as a desire to improve our community through volunteer action and grant-making.

Since 1914, the Junior League of Kansas City, Missouri has been associated with more than 350 community agencies and organizations. Since the League's inception, our members have raised more than \$17 million for our mission and volunteered over 2.4 million hours. League members research areas of need in the Kansas City area and educate the membership and the community about those issues. Our current focus area is Women and Children, in the areas of abuse and neglect, childhood development and women's self-sustainability.



**JUNIOR LEAGUE OF
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2021-2022 Board of Directors

Seated: Kimberly Craig, Director of Marketing; Susan Moss, President-Elect; Kimberlee Ried, President; Celeste Greenlee, Executive Director; and Megan Allen, Director of Finance.

Standing: Amber Crosby, Step-Up Director of Marketing; Stephanie Davis, Director of Planning; Ash Parulekar, Director of Training; Courtney Raupp, Nominating Chair; Abigail Curry, Step-Up Director of Community, Monica Curls, Director of Diversity, Equity & Inclusion; Sarah Koci Scheilz, Director of Membership; Deanna Diebolt, Director of Sustainers; Heather Callaway, Step-Up Director of Finance; Sophie Doroba, Director of Community; Meghann Aberle, Director of Fund Development, and Mel Smith, Board Assistant.

Out of camera range: Lilly Coye, Step-Up Director of Fund Development and Kelsey Huber McClellan, Bylaws Chair

COMMUNITY ADVISORS

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Compass Minerals

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UMKC Midwest Center for Nonprofit Leadership

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Country Club Bank

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Director of Early Learning and Head Start
Mid-America Regional Council

Dia Wall

Anchor/Reporter
KSHB-TV 41

OUR MISSION IN ACTION



MEMBER AWARDS

Community Service Award

Paige Branton Reed

Leader of the Year

Cathy Cisettii

Advancing the Mission Award

Jeanne Sosland

New Member of the Year

Elizabeth Holschuh

Active Member of the Year

Amanda Braun

Committee of the Year

Community Kits Committee

Above and Beyond Award

Bethany Hanson and
Kaiemi Teel

Active Achievement Award

Abbey Thomas



The League offered a total of **60** trainings to members in 2021-2022

SAMPLE GENERAL TRAININGS

- Advanced Leadership Certification Series
- American Jazz Museum Tour
- Are You Ready to Sweat, Dance, Burn and Change?
- Child Wellness Training and Nutrition
- Crucial Conversations Series
- Cultural Humility Training
- Developing Your Extreme Self-care Routine
- eDog Training Basics with Wayside Waifs
- History of Oppression
- Holiday Cookie Decorating
- Kansas City Museum Tour
- Lettering Class with Gale Nation
- LNO with Paint, Glaze and Fire
- Mediate Your Way to Better Leadership
- Mental Health - How to support someone in crisis
- Neatly Done KC - Professional Organizers, Efficiency Lovers
- Out of this World Communication
- Parenting in a Pandemic
- Public Speaking and Presentations
- Puberty Training
- Shared Power, Inclusive Leadership
- The Pronoun Project
- Women in STEM

Trainings in 2021-2022 were a mix of in-person and virtual thanks to a creative Training Council.

ADVANCED LEADERSHIP CERTIFICATION SERIES (ALCS)

This year we had four ALCS graduates, those attendees who completed all 12 of the courses the League offers in partnership with the Midwest Center for Nonprofit Leadership.

Congratulations to these women on completing the certification.

- Jessica Lumetta
- Megan Murray
- Lisa Nickel
- Megan Swaback

COMMUNITY PARTNERS & PROGRAMMING

COMMUNITY VOLUNTEERS AND GRANTS

PARTNERS	PROJECTS COMPLETED	FUNDING	VOLUNTEERS (hours)
Bridging the Gap	Volunteered 96 hours on environmental projects	\$0	96
Inclusion Connections	Volunteered 130 hours with Girls Club	\$5000	130
Lazarus Ministries	Provided help at the Lazarus Boutique	\$12000	16
MINDDRIVE	Volunteered 62 hours to work with STEM students	\$5000	62
Phoenix Family	Volunteered 44 hours to help with reading skills	\$0	44
Solace House	Provided 114 hours of grief counseling	\$6500	114
Wayside Waifs	Spent over 204 hours working with animals	\$2335	204



Historical Impact in Since 1914

- 1901 - Junior League begins in NYC with Mary Harriman through the Settlement Movement
- 1914 - Junior League of Kansas City, MO established as the 14th League
- 1914 - JLKC provides volunteers to Mattie Rhodes; establishes first public kindergarten in KCMO
- 1915 - JLKC begins relationship with Children's Mercy Hospital
- 1919 - established first prenatal clinic in KCMO
- 1920-1945 - ran the Junior League Free Health Clinic
- 1934 - created the docent program at the Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art
- 1947 - founded the Cerebral Palsy Nursery School, now Children's TLC
- 1953 - co-founded Children's Center for Visually Impaired
- 1967 - developed 30 Miles of Art to benefit the Nelson-Atkins
- 1975 - partnered on Folly Theater restoration
- 1987 - helped establish Ronald McDonald House
- 1989 - helped establish the first Alvin Ailey Camp for kids
- 1994-1999 - funding and volunteers toward Union Station/Science City restoration
- 1995 - funded Dramatic AIDS Education Project with KU Med and The Coterie
- 1998 - funded Truman Medical Center Teen Moms Program
- 2009 - created BackSnack program with Harvesters and University Academy
- 2021 - volunteered at COVID immunization clinics

SIGNATURE PROGRAMS & ACTION TEAM

Community Fair
150+ People
 wellness checks,
 food,
 housing
 assistance
 delivered

Community Kits
1000+ Kits
 distributed to six
 facilities across
 the metro

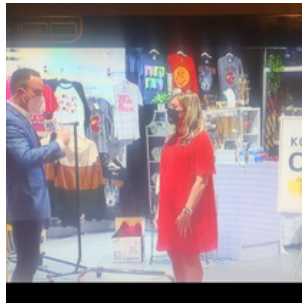
Empower to Succeed
15 classes
 taught to 92
 residents of
 Amethyst Place &
 Rose Brooks Center

Healthy U Family Meals
12 teaching videos
 and 15 recipes presented to
 families at Boys/Girls Clubs,
 Jewish Family Services, &
 Operation Breakthrough

JLKC Action Team
275 Hours
 volunteer hours
 at 30
 community
 events

\$165,180 Funds Donated ● ● ● **185 JLKC Volunteer Hours**

FUNDRAISING



Holiday Mart

Holiday Mart is Kansas City's largest nonprofit shopping event, and all proceeds benefit our mission and community projects. Since 1988, this four-day shopping extravaganza has raised \$11.7 million for the betterment of Kansas City. In 2021, we were able to return to an in-person Holiday Mart, with masking and social distancing in place, at Bartle Hall.

Retailers: 92

Gross funds raised: \$181,343



Little Black Dress Initiative

LBDI is a week-long poverty awareness and fundraising campaign that harnesses the power of social media and doing something a little different to educate people about local issues that Leagues work on in their communities. For 2022, the LBDI raised funds to help purchase items needed for the League's Community Kits, which are distributed to facilities across the metro.

Participants: 1200+

Net funds raised: \$15,328



C3KC

For corporate, civic, and community stakeholders, C3KC is a collaborative conference convened to spark change for a better Kansas City. For the 2021 event, we provided a fully virtual experience with keynote speaker Adam Grant, writer and professor at the Wharton School, and author of "Think Again: The power of knowing what you don't know."

In addition, Sandra A.J. Lawrence was recognized with the 2022 Branton/Hall Community Collaborator Award, named in honor of Mary Shaw "Shawsie" Branton and Adele Hall.

Attendees: 495

Net funds raised: \$89,000



Sip & Support

Sip & Support was created in 2020 to provide a fun happy hour experience that would encourage connections while supporting the League. The event features a silent auction and raffle items. In 2022, this event was held at Cinder Block Brewery in North Kansas City.

Attendees: 85

Net funds raised: \$28,500



INVESTMENTS

Community Endowment Fund

The Community Endowment Fund provides emergency grants to Kansas City area nonprofit agencies. Each year we provide grants that supply up to \$7,500 per request to organizations in need.

Amount Granted: **\$72,939.28**



Headquarters Building Fund

The Building Fund was established to assist with the maintenance and upkeep of our headquarters at 9215 Ward Parkway in Kansas City, Missouri.

Major projects funded this year included upgrades to technology in all meeting rooms, establishment of the Ward Parkway meeting space, and updated signage.

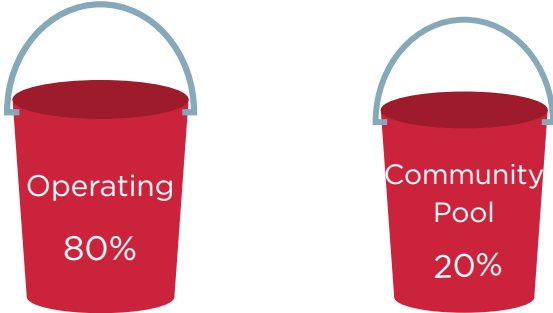
Amount Granted: **\$106,900.00**

Legacy Training Fund

The Legacy Training Fund provides funding for programs and educational activities that develop the potential of our members.

Amount Granted: **\$90,890.95**

★ Budget Categories



- Fundraiser Budget
- Administrative Cost
- Trainings
- Council Budgets

- Signature Programs
- CV&G
- Community Service Award
- Branton/Hall Award

★ Per Standing Rules, Annual Budget 16.3 section "Eighty (80) percent of the New Fundraisers Revenues are Council and Operating Funds, twenty (20) percent of the Net Fundraisers Revenues are Community Pool Funds.

2021 - 2022 DONORS

Note: This listing includes cash donations made from June 1, 2021 through May 31, 2022. In-kind gifts and event ticket purchases are not reflected. We apologize for any errors or omissions.

\$10,000 and above

JLKC Legacy Fund
Charlie & Jeanne Sosland

\$5000 - \$9999

DMC/Karen Crnkovich
Everygy
FCI Advisors/Midwest Trust
GrubHub
Sandy Johnson
JP Morgan Chase
Sandra & Willie Lawrence
LISC
Lockton
T-Mobile

\$2500 - \$4999

Erik Bergrud & Kimberlee Ried
Blue Cross & Blue Shield
Bunni & Paul Copaken
Laura & Joe Crowe
Demdaco
Edgemoor
Katie Gerson
Mary Hunkeler
PNC Bank
Lisa Schellhorn
UMB
Leslie Whitaker

\$1000 - \$2499

AltCap
Creative Planning
Erika Duker
JE Dunn
Laura Gregory
HNTB
Health Forward Foundation
Amy Hunkeler
Husch Blackwell
Diane Johnson
Jen Johnson

Christy LaHood
Yvette Miceli
Ash Parukelar
Gina Leo Stingley
St. Louis Trust
TGS
UMKC Bloch School
Katie Werner



\$1 - \$999

Alex Adams
Elizabeth (Betsy) Allen
Megan Allen
Rachel Allen
Cyd Alloway
Alka Amonker
Trixie Amorado
Christina Anderson
Katy Sullivan Anderson
Mark Anderson
Bridget Angles
Susan Belger Angulo
Katie Anibas
Sandra Archer
Lillian Arnone
JoAnn Atkinson
Sydney Backstrom
Janine Bales
Hayley Baker
Patricia Baker
RE Baker
Jesse Barnes
Michael Bartkoski
Tiffany Basinger
Tamara Bauer
Linda Beal
Karen Beckwith
Janice Benjamin
Jen Bennett
Jane Ellen Benson
Carrie Blackford

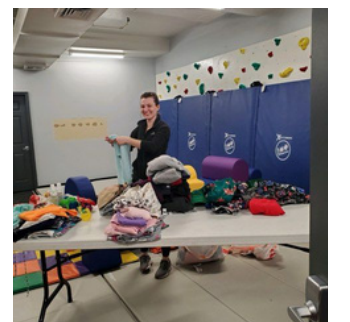


Annual Giving Impact
\$28,941

Abigail Blackman
 Naomi & Ryan Blair
 Derek Blau
 Alex Blevins
 BNIM
 Candis Brahmavar
 Amanda Braun
 Matt Breitenbach
 Minton Brooks
 Kristen Brought
 Kay Bleakley
 Brandon Bowser
 Margaret Bruce
 Katy Buford
 Barbara Butler
 Kathy Button
 Jeffrey Byrne
 Debbie Campbell
 Debora Campbell
 Jane Carver
 Valerie Chaloud
 Ciara Chaney
 Melissa Cheatham
 Children's Mercy Hospital
 Jennifer Chmelka
 Hilary Ceman
 Casey Clark
 Jackie Clark
 Julie Anderson Clark
 Janet Clason
 Nikki Cochran
 Patrick Coleman
 Kevin Connor
 Liz Cook
 Tayler Cook
 Marsha Corbin
 Lilly Coye
 Patricia Coye
 Amber Crosby
 Annemarie Cyranowski
 Jane Dahem
 Amy Darpinian
 Cheri Davis
 Steph Davis
 Deepa Deendar
 Katheigh Degen
 William Degen
 Nicole Demeisi
 Marlene Denney
 Deanna Diebolt

Patti Diego
 Cena Diltz
 Abdillahi Dirie
 Judy Donnelly
 Sophie Doroba
 Angela Dorrell
 Deborah Dribben
 Maria Duda
 Ellouise Dunn
 Greg & Chrisa Dunn
 Melissa Dusenbery
 Courtney Earnest
 Jessica Eggers
 Adrienne Eifler
 Ginny Ellis
 Cherie Emami
 Jill Embry
 Katie Erzen
 Jammy Evans
 Courtney Fallon
 Beth Farr
 James Fought
 Katherine Fowler
 Deb Feder
 Elizabeth Fields
 Jan Finn
 Jan Flanagan
 Camryn Forret
 Allison Foss
 Angie Fotopoulos
 Scott Francis
 Kelly Frazier
 Julia Frisbie
 Kayla Fromme
 Kevin Fromme
 Martha Frook
 Hannah Frost
 Nancy Fuller
 Karen Gallagher
 Andrea Gardner
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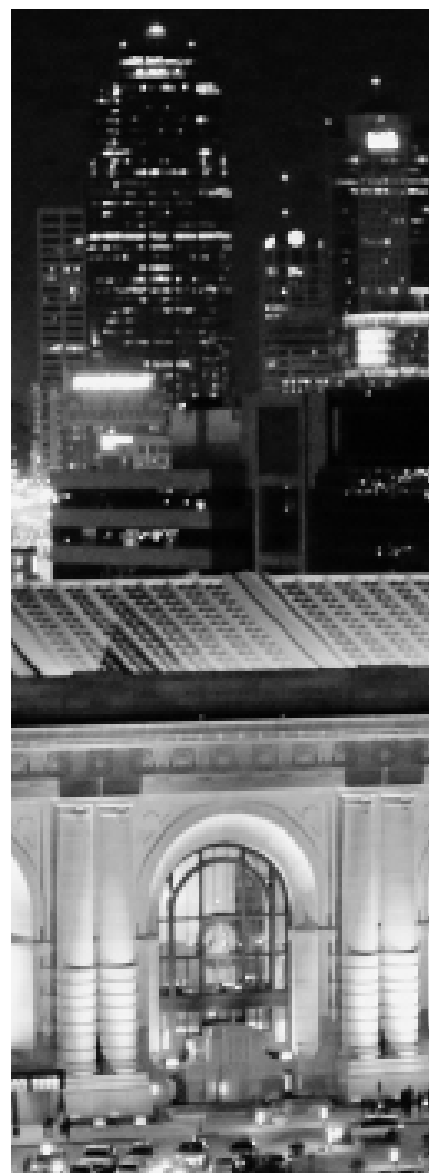
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 Ginny Graves
 Celeste Greenlee
 Danee Greenwald
 Amy Grice
 Aubree Groff
 Andrea Grube
 Jane Guthrie
 Jean Honan
 Dianne Honomichi
 Meagan Horozewski
 Brucie Hopkins
 Shannon Hsu
 Hampton Hubbard
 Debbie Humston
 Amy Hunkeler
 Sudy Hurst
 Ann Hyde
 Lissa Haag
 Lisa Haisan
 Margaret Hall
 Paula Halsey
 Hattie Hammer
 Evan Hammett
 Fred Hand
 Paige Harper
 Ronda Harness
 Jeanette Harriman
 Madeline Harris
 Julie Harris-Whalen
 Hannah Hartman-Frost
 Jamie Heath
 Cara Hennessy
 Olivia Henson
 Cristyn Hernandez
 Karen Hibbard
 Lisa Hickok
 Leah Hinojosa
 Ellen Hockaday
 Taylor Hodges
 Elvera Hoffman
 Lisa Rinehart Hoffman
 Michelle Hogerty
 Maria Hogrefe
 Daniel Hohenberger
 Michelle Iglehart
 Robert W Iglehart
 Michelle Innes
 Stephanie Issacson
 Sarah Jabbour



Mary James
Bob Jasa
Fran Jenny
Aaron Johnson
Diane Johnson
Jennifer Johnson
Lindsay Johnson
Sandy Johnson
Tracy Kaufman
Emily Keatley
Madison Kellerstrass
Megan Kelly
Lizann Kesse
Ellie Kim
Michelle King
Rachael Kirane
Mary Klimes
Jamie Klosterman
Aaron Koelzer
Karen Kopischke
Catherine Koth
Adam Knudsen
Taylor Kubiak
Janina Kubrak
Mona Kulkarni
Nandini Kulkarni
Sara Kuruvilla
Brenda Kumm
Andrew Lang
Jennifer Laramie
Jana Larsen
Margaret Latshaw
Ariana Lewis
Josh Lewis
Delaney Lindstrom
Jay & Michele Link
Mary Lockton
Carol Logan
Livy Long
Lori Longoria
Monica Looney
Nicolette Loutsch
Georgina Luckie
Sarai Luksch
Barbara Luhrs
Emily Lundberg
Elisa Lynch

Georgia Lynch
Victoria Lynch
Bruce Lyon
Rob Maggard
Kim Maguire
Chaitali Mahajan
Christian Marbach
Jan Marcason
Devin Mart
Lynn Martens
Alison Mason
Angela Mason
Sharlee Mason
Mary McCann
Mary Linda McDonnell
Felisha McDougald
Kendra Kemp McGee
Margaret McKenna
Jennifer McKnelly-Ginn
Bridget Mendoza
Bobbie Messick
MaKenzi Meyer
Kara Micketto
Deedra Miller
Kenny Miller
Marcus Miller
Taylor Miller
Morgan Mitchell
Rondi Mitchell
Art Moore
Mary Moore
Amy Morgan-Rogers
Susan Moss
Grace Mulcahy
Bonnie Neligan
Lisa Nickel
Garin Nolan
Tyler Nordquist
Kate O'Rourke
Sally Ott
Sheila Paczosa
Rowan Page-Brennan
Nayelli Palazuelos-Bowers
Abby Parsons
Amit Parulekar
Dilip Parulekar
Heather Peña

Marilyn Peterson
Traciann Petite
Ashley Pretzer
Kelly Price
Alana Psenak
Brian & Charity Psenak
Cathy Psenak
Hailee Randall
Kasey Reaves
Emily Reeves
Summer Reid
Suzanne Reinhart
Andrew Remak
Ronald Reussner
Carla Revare
Robin Riat
Kristi Richerson



Ashley Ridgeway
 Kelly Robertson
 Courtney Rock
 Karen Rogers
 Lisa Rogers
 Kelsie Rowland
 Robin Rowland
 Lori Royal
 Steve Ruben
 Sandra Sampson
 Brenda Sanders
 Kristen Sayers
 Julia Scammahorn
 Kevin Schaffer
 Nancy Schall
 Allyce Schenk
 Leah Schepmann
 Kelly Schloegel
 Debbie Schmidt
 Regan Schultz
 Susan Schuman
 Rachel Scott
 Sarah Shaw
 Lucy Shelton
 Robert Sherwood
 Erica Short
 Kathleen Short
 Kristie Roehr Sigler
 Holly Sims
 Ali Skilling
 Erin Slattery
 Kaitlin Slowik
 Allie Smith
 Leigh Smith
 Melanie Smith
 Sean & Lyndsay Smith
 Elizabeth Valenti Smith
 Julia Sobek
 Elizabeth Solberg
 Elaine Soptic

Courtney Specker
 Pallavi Sriram
 Mackenzi Stabb
 Holly Stancil
 Toni Stancil
 Sarah Stanton
 Alicia Starr
 Ashley Steele
 Lindsay Steele
 Rebecca Steele
 Terri Steele
 Bob & Kathy Steinbraker
 Brad Sterling
 Barbara Storm
 Kait Stratton
 Wayne Strider
 Courtney Sudkamp
 Jo Ann Sullivan
 Makenna Surdyke
 Carolyn Sutherland
 Cassandra Sutherland
 Sydney Sutherland
 Amy Szablewski
 Meredith Tan
 Adrienne Ticehurst
 Macy Tiefenthaler
 April Thompson
 Charity Thompson
 Pat Thompson
 Rosemary Thompson
 Thompson
 Kristin Tiller
 Evette Townsend
 Jack Treas
 Leslie Treas
 Theresa Uchytel-Etler
 Brian Unruh
 Nora Utech
 George A Valenti
 Stephen Valenti

Alyssa Vargas
 Bethann & Bob Vidmar
 Caroline Wake
 Jenny Waldeck
 Michael Walden
 Coty Wanamaker
 Trupti Warad
 Kristine Ward
 Anna Welchman
 Jama Westlund
 Erika Wheeler
 Tim Wheeler
 Ann Wiedemann
 Celeste Williams
 Sarah Williams
 Vanessa Williams
 Anahita Williamson
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Thank you!



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